

**Minutes of the Southern Utah Veterans Home-Ivins,  
Advisory Board Meeting,  
May 19, 2016**

In Attendance: Terry Dunne (Chairman), Lloyd Laycook (Vice Chair), Chris Hart (Board Member), David Jones (Board Member), Jeff McKenna (Board Member), Mel Brewer (Resident Board Member), Jacqueline Peterson (State Officer), Jerry Olson (Nursing Home Administrator), Gary Harter (State VMA Ex. Director) Other Visitors: Nina Laycook

Excused: Board Members Scott Smith and Ron Lee, State VMA Deputy Director Dennis McFall.

1. Meeting called to order by Chairman Dunne at 4:00 pm and all present were welcomed.
2. Prayer offered by Board Member Jones, Pledge of Allegiance led by Chairman Dunne.
3. Director Harter Comments: Deputy Director is on a well-deserved vacation. On this trip met with Community Based Outpatient Clinic (CBOC), Bret Stewart, new facilities manager, Rep Yolanda Klawitter from Sen. Lee's office, employment center, Switchpoint Community Resource Center (200-300 Vets in Washington County that fall under the poverty level, discussed the unique services offered in this facility,). Went over "card" (see meeting packet) that gives metrics for the State VMA. Additional discussion emphasis on Veterans cemeteries, to include a potential new Cemetery in Cedar City Area. Discussed new legislation for disabled Vets (50% or greater) to get free access to state parks, new possible license plates showing other medals and badges, Utah recognizing Vets as those who had 180 days of honorable service (along with efforts to look at all state statutes that have reference to Vet benefits to ensure they meet this standard), and other recognitions. Getting ready for Armed Forces Day this weekend and Memorial Day the next weekend. Discussed the issue in of CMS requiring Vet homes changing doors from crash bars to keypads (to come out of capital improvement and not vet home budgets). Cory Pearson will be on KSL tonight, live, to discuss vet opportunities offered by the VMA, and several other media exposures over the next few weeks. Discussed books to recognize and "welcome home" Vietnam Vets; working with LDS Church to distribute; Questar Gas has marketed and delivered many books and storage of 46,000 books.
4. Minutes of January 21<sup>st</sup>, 2016 Meeting referenced for individual read. Motion to approve (Laycook), Second (Hart). Minutes approved.
5. Resident Report (Board Member Brewer): Discussed the different events for the month of April and May and provided an events page for the meeting packet.
  - a. Past Events: Pinewood Derby; Honoring WWII Vets (Discussed coins donated)

- b. Future Events: May 11, 2:00, Rotunda; May 23, 1:30 pm, Resident and staff talent show.
  - c. Shared personal generations photos.
- 6. Administrator Olsen provided the following report.
  - a. Current Census: 104 (as of 19 May 2016)
  - b. Total Admissions: 19 (13 from hospital (70% come from DRMC—Mayor Hart discussed his experience form acquaintances about DRMC staff telling that they would not qualify for the home; a flier is around the many Doctor offices in the area) 6 from home, 0 From “Other/Skilled Nursing Facilities” as of 30 Apr 2016)
  - c. Discharges: 20 (2 to hospital; 13 to home; 3 due to expiration; 2 to “Other/Skilled Nursing Facilities”, as of 30 Apr 2015)
  - d. Interest list contains 90 individuals wanting “regular” care and 50 desiring memory care.
  - e. Report of Veterans by Service: Army, 39; Navy, 27; Air Force, 14; Marine Corps, 10; Coast Guard, 3.
  - f. Report of Veterans by Service Period: WWII, 37; Korea, 35; Vietnam, 11; Gulf War, 0; Peacetime, 13.
  - g. Financial Report: Aug Revenue, \$753,285; Aug Expenses, \$833,936; Aug. net income, \$-80,651; YTD 6,019,501; YTD Expenses \$5,622,455; YTD net income, \$397,046. Reasons for loss in month was an accounting error for payroll, A/C repairs and Pharmacy bills that were higher than usual. Not expected to end in the Red in Sept.
  - h. Employment Report: Total: 217 (Full time: 159; PRN: 14; Part Time: 30; Casual: 14). 16 Veterans Hired. Reported overall stability in employment.
  - i. Hires/Losses for Aug: 18/11 (CNA: 8/4; RN: 2/0; Admin: 1/0; Maintenance: 0/0; Housekeeping: 2/2; Food Services: 4/5; Recreation: 1/1).
  - j. Pinnacle Customer Service Report for April: Survey of 16 different areas. Considered “Best in Class” in 15 of the 16 areas. Laundry is the only area not in best in class.
  - k. Other: Working on renewing contract with Select Health. Teaming with local schools to focus on Vets services and emphasis next year in the schools. Planning a big event for Patriot Day, 2016. Successful Nursing Home week.
  - l. Chairman Dunne announced that the American Legion in St. George is giving an award to Mr. Olsen for being the “Citizen of the Year.”
- 7. State Officer Report (Peterson):
  - a. State officers received the “Governor’s Award of Excellence.”
  - b. Capital Improvements approved \$177,000 for the design and development of the 9/10 Acre. Design plan provided in meeting packet. DFCM will assign a project manager.

- c. SUNROC Construction currently provides weekly meetings to discuss the development of the Rocky Mountain University Project next door to all interested residents at the home.
- 8. Old Business:
- 9. New Business:
- 10. The Meeting was adjourned by motion Hart, Second Laycook and Chairman Dunne adjourned the meeting at 5:00 pm. Next Meetings to be held at 4:00 pm on:
  - a. 14 July 2016
  - b. 8 Sept 2016
  - c. 10 Nov 2016